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1. Dr. Werner Winkler, Deputy Minister for Chemistry in the Ministry for Heavy Industry, released during June, July, and August 1954, products of the carbide industry for export in order to obtain 30 million DME needed for the urgent expansion of the electric power program. Ernst Huetter, of the Main Department for Raw Materials in the State Committee for Material Procurement, protested against this export, stating that it would damage other production in the East German chemical industry. Huetter was overruled and the export sales were concluded.
2. These exports have caused serious difficulties. The East German carbide industry was unable to satisfy domestic demands for carbides prior to the exports mentioned, since extensive production losses had occurred because of the insufficient power supply.

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